

# SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 20 May 2024

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## National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

This annual event - the largest single day collection of food in the nation - was held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Locally, the NALC partnered with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. Labor staffed the Capitol Station (at 702 East Washington Avenue). BIG thank you to Sharon Manor, OPEIU Local 39 and her daughters (Megan and Madi) and HUGE thank you to Tim Sullivan, SMART Local 565. The end of our shift got very busy! Official numbers for the food drive are not in yet but the collection was much larger than last year's.

## Collection on Labor Day for the MMSD Transition Education Program

Details have not been finalized yet but there will be a collection drive on Labor Day at LaborFest. The list of requested items has not been finalized yet but we're hoping everyone can pitch in just a little bit to ensure that students who are housing insecure have a good start to the new school year. More information to come ...

## Volunteer Your Time - Providing Help Right Now!!

If you personally or as a group/family want to help out by volunteering with area agencies in Dane County, there is a local website, <http://www.volunteeryourtime.org/>, which allows you to look for opportunities. For Dane County employees, this is the source for opportunities where you can "invest" your allowed/granted eight hours of volunteer time annually. Do let me know if you need help finding something of interest.

## Insurance on the Market Place and HealthConnect

On the HealthCare.gov Marketplace, anyone qualifying for Special Enrollment can sign up at any time. And HealthConnect is a program where people making up to 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) who live in Dane County could have their premium cost paid up front (not a reimbursement).

## United Way 211 - Help Starts Here

United Way 211 is a free, confidential information and referral resource available via telephone (voice or text) 24 hours a day, every day. It covers the entire state and you reach a "live" resource specialist by simply calling 211 on your telephone or texting your zip code to 898-211. If you prefer, the information is also available online at <https://211wisconsin.org/>. 211 is also looking for new volunteers, working from your own home, so please let me know if you're interested.

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We would like to encourage all Locals to form Community Services Committees. It's a great way to get involved. Let us know if you need help. Please don't hesitate to ask for assistance!

Also just getting out and volunteering is important so if people have ideas for projects, please let us know!

